

CITY OF CARLSBAD

PROPOSITION “C” - OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS AD HOC CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

March 31, 2006

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Montgomery called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairperson Marty Montgomery, Carl Miller, Dennis Villavicencio and Leonard Martyns

Absent: Joel Altshul, Fred Sandquist, and Sandra Cima

Staff Members Present: Mike Grim, Senior Planner

Also Present: Jim Boylan, Facilitator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded, to approve the Minutes of February 17, 2006.

The Minutes were approved, as amended, with Chairperson Montgomery and Vice Chairman Villavicencio abstaining.

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By consensus, the Minutes of the meeting of March 17, 2006 were approved, as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Chairperson Montgomery opened this Public Comment portion of the meeting. Seeing no one wishing to speak, Chairperson Montgomery closed Public Comment.

COMMITTEE’S NORMS/OPERATING AGREEMENTS:

Senior Planner Mike Grim, introduced this item, explaining this is a continuation of discussion from the last meeting on March 17, 2006, and deferred the discussion management to Jim Boylan.

The subjects of this discussion are as follows:

1. Protocol for handling public comments that address matters outside the purview of this committee.
2. Protocol for handling committee correspondence.
3. Protocol for handling individuals contacting committee members outside of committee meetings.
4. Protocol for Conflict of Interest
5. Protocol for use of Closed Sessions.
6. Protocol for handling new media requests for comments, interview, etc.

Also discussed was the desired level of detail in meeting minutes and providing public access to committee minutes.

In response to a request by Chairperson Montgomery, for comments from the public on the subjects just discussed, Diane Nygaard, 5020 Nighthawk Way, Oceanside, representing Preserve Calavera, stated that the rules discussed at this meeting are very thoughtful, good rules that are very respectful of the public input process. She then inquired why the minutes for the last meeting were not available to the public, at the door. In addition to copies of the minutes, she requested that the minutes be placed on the City's web site for those citizens unable to be present at the meetings.

Mr. Grim responded by saying that until the minutes have final approval, they remain internal. Referring to the minutes of the last two meetings, he stated that now that those documents have been approved, they will be available to the public in both paper form and on the web site.

BACKGROUND ON HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN (HMP):

Mr. Grim provided additional history and updated information regarding the HMP and available open spaces. This update was followed with a question and answer period, during which time, Chairperson Montgomery suggested the use of overlay maps to show properties that are available for open space purchase, stating that an overlay map would effectively eliminate areas with topography not conducive to development.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

Chairperson Montgomery opened Public Testimony.

Diane Nygaard, 5020 Nighthawk Way, Oceanside, representing Preserve Calavera, stated that the overlay maps, mentioned earlier, are very critical and from her organization's perspective, the most important document in the HMP is the one that shows the biological core linkages in each area.

With that in mind, she stated that the document needs to be updated as much of those areas are now gone. She also suggested partnering with other cities to make better acquisitions. Ms. Nygaard urged the committee to start to focus on the process for evaluating parcels because until the committee knows what is really important to them, they can't define (for the public) the information they need in order to make proper decisions. She pointed out that the committee needs to set guidelines to define what background work needs to be done, how much of that background will have to be done by the land owners and how much will be done as a staff function.

Ms. Nygaard that Village H is a willing landowner ready to sell. That community wants it sold as open space and because it is quite small, the land can be acquired rather reasonably. She pointed out some of the detailed work that needs to be done and that there are professionals highly capable of completing that work.

Kasey Cinciarelli, 2727 Lions Court, Carlsbad, stated she would like to see readable scale maps for committee usage that are more current than those developed several years ago.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Villavicencio and seconded by Carl Miller.

Mr. Montgomery reminded the members that the next meeting of this committee will be at 10:00 a.m., on April 14, 2006, and adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Carol A. Cruise, Minutes Clerk

Minutes approved by the Committee at their regularly scheduled meeting of April 14, 2006.